

# Get

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At 5.45, I got a text on my mobile. It said, 'I'm working late. Please get some food for this evening. M.' The shops closed at 6.00, so I had to hurry. I got my bike from the garage, and cycled quickly down to the shops. I got to the shops at exactly 5.58. Then I remembered: I didn't have my wallet with me.

(get = receive)  
(get = buy)  
(get = take, bring)  
(get to = arrive at)

Present	Past
get	got

you *get* or *receive* a present, an email, a letter  
= someone gives or sends it to you

## a Look at these sentences. What does *get* mean in each one?

- How much milk shall I get? = buy
- Could you get my coat from the car? \_\_\_\_\_
- She always gets lots of birthday cards. \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you get my text message? \_\_\_\_\_
- I forgot to get any sugar. \_\_\_\_\_
- He didn't get to work until 9.30. \_\_\_\_\_

## b Write sentences about yourself, using *get* or *got*.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I need to get a chicken from the market.

On Saturday, I got a new T-shirt.

I got to work late this morning.

## Get dark, get ready ...



get + adjective

get	dark
	ready
	fat

It's getting dark.



(= It will be dark soon.)

Wait a minute. I'm just getting ready.



(= I'll be ready in a minute.)

I'm getting fat.



(= He's fatter now than before.)

## c When might you say these things? Match the sentences with the situations.

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| 1 'The pain's getting worse.'                    | a You're driving along a motorway. |
| 2 'Hurry up! Your food will get cold.'           | b A friend of yours is ill.        |
| 3 'I hope he gets better soon.'                  | c You've just cooked a meal.       |
| 4 'My feet are getting wet.'                     | d You're visiting friends.         |
| 5 'Let's stop for a bit. I'm getting tired.'     | e You're walking in the rain.      |
| 6 'We ought to go home soon. It's getting late.' | f You have a headache.             |

## Get lost, get married ...



get stuck



get lost



get engaged



get married



get dressed



get undressed



get changed

1 Complete the sentences. Use phrases with *get* or *got*.

- We tried to move the piano, but it got stuck on the stairs.
- I'll be ready in 10 minutes. I just need to have a shower and \_\_\_\_\_.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ last week, and they're going to \_\_\_\_\_ in July.
- I was tired, so I \_\_\_\_\_ and went to bed.
- I think you should \_\_\_\_\_. You can't go to the party in those jeans.
- Don't go too far into the forest on your own. It's very easy to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Get on, get off ...



get on a bus



get off a bus



get in(to) a car



get out of a car

2 When do we use *on/off*? When do we use *in(to)/out of*? Read the sentences, and write words in the lists.

- We got off the bikes and walked the rest of the way.
- Quick! Get on the train. It's leaving!
- I saw her again yesterday. She was just getting out of a white taxi.
- I can't ride at all. I don't even know how to get on a horse.
- Finally, two hours later, we got on the plane and took off.
- He finds it difficult to get out of bed in the morning.

get on/off ...	get in(to)/out of ...
a bus	a car
a bike	

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

- His English is really getting better. Now he can talk about anything.
- I got \_\_\_\_\_ and put on my pyjamas.
- Turn on the lights. It's getting \_\_\_\_\_ in here.
- Akimo got \_\_\_\_\_ the train at the wrong station.
- Jean-Christophe got \_\_\_\_\_ his car and drove away.
- Samantha was getting \_\_\_\_\_ for the party when the phone rang.
- Hurry up and get \_\_\_\_\_ of the car, and don't forget to take your suitcase.
- We got \_\_\_\_\_ the shop at around 7 o'clock.
- They wanted to go to Houston, but they got \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong bus and went to Dallas.

out  
dark  
undressed  
to  
✓ better  
on  
off  
into  
dressed